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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 November 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2014	4	0	4
2015	676	188	864
2016	660	191	851
2017	827	249	1076
2018	881	241	1122
WING	3048	869	3917

❖ These numbers include international students.

THIS MONTH IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY—HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY—1 APRIL:

1 December 1978 -- Harold “Pete” Todd, Class of ’59, becomes the first Air Force Academy graduate promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

2 December 1986 -- The Academy takes possession of the F-4 that was involved in a Vietnam War-record six MiG kills, to include the first and fifth kills by ace Steve Ritchie, Class of ’64. The aircraft is still displayed on the Terrazzo, near Mitchell Hall.

4 December 1983 -- The Cadet Chorale performs in the Sixth Annual Kennedy Center Honors, honoring Jimmy Stewart, a retired Brigadier General in the Air Force Reserve. The Chorale joined Carol Burnett in singing “Easy to Love,” the only song Stewart sang in his career of more than eighty movies.

5 December 2006 -- Chad Hennings, Class of ’88, is inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame during a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The cadet a capella group In The Stairwell sang the National Anthem at the dinner.

7 December 1992 -- The Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Richard Bethurem, approves a proposal to have non-commissioned officers (NCOs) permanently assigned to each cadet squadron. These NCOs would “assist the AOC in all of his/her duties plus provide an NCO role model . . . “

8 December 2005 -- Brigadier General Susan Desjardins, Class of ’80, becomes the first female and the first female Air Force Academy graduate to serve as Commandant of Cadets.

14 December 2008 -- The 306th Flying Training Squadron activates the 1st Flying Training Squadron at the Pueblo Airport. The unit, formerly Detachment 1, oversees the Air Force’s Initial Flight Screening program.

20 December 1963 -- Fourth Classmen are permitted to go home for Christmas leave for the first time.

21 December 1954 -- The Air Force Cadet Wing is formally established.

22 December 2006 -- Troy Calhoun, Class of ’89, is hired as head football coach. He is the first Air Force Academy graduate to be head football coach at Air Force.

TSA Pre✓® expands to students of 4 US service academies

"Cadets and midshipmen of the four academies are now able to enjoy the benefits of this expedited screening program at more than 120 participating airports when flying on 11 major airlines.

"This week, as we recognize veterans of our armed forces, we are grateful to the brave men and women in uniform who continue to serve our nation with honor and distinction," said TSA Administrator John S. Pistole. "Providing expedited screening while on travel is the least we can do for our military and service academies."

"In an uncertain world, I am grateful for what the TSA does in helping keep us safe every day as well as for their continued support of our veterans," said Adm. James Winnefeld Jr., vice chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff. "From their enhanced veterans recruitment efforts to the expedited Wounded Warrior Screening Program TSA continues to make a positive difference with our veterans. My personal thanks goes to TSA as they now expand TSA Pre✓® expedited screening benefits to all United States Service Academy cadets and midshipmen — recognizing the dedication and commitment of those who step forward to protect this great nation in the future."

TSA Pre✓® is an expedited screening program that allows participating flyers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and keep 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels in a carry-on bag. On average, more than 50,000 DoD employees benefit from TSA Pre✓® on a weekly basis."

UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:

15 – 19 Dec 14	Finals
20 Dec – 4 Jan 15	Winter Break Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 4 Jan 15
18 Dec – 4 Jan 15	Winter Break Cadet Candidates returns 6:00 pm on 4 Jan 15
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadets release (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
20 Mar – 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadet Candidates released (Last Military Duty {LMD}). Cadet Candidates returns 6:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
13-14 Mar 15	Recognition
11-15 May 15	Finals
28 May 15	2015 Graduation
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend

OFFICE OF CADET WING MEDIA has special photos, yearbooks and DVD keepsakes that make great holiday gifts.

I. INFORMATION ON CADET WING PORTRAITS

Cadet Wing portraits for the Classes of 2015-2018 occur in November. Cadets on fall semester exchange will be notified during spring semester of a photo opportunity and retakes will be available during same time frame, typically in January or February.

II. GREAT GIFT IDEAS:

Give Grandma, Grandpa, or that special someone the gift of experiencing the cadets entire 2018 basic training experience, this professionally produced USAFA sanctioned video make great holiday gifts for family members and out-of town relatives. Order your limited edition copy now and have by the holiday season. Order forms available at: <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

1. Filming began Day 1 - In processing day, through 1st and 2nd Beast; concluded with Acceptance Parade and shoulder-board pin-on.
2. Includes every basic during flight's portrait day or squadron activity film day.

Have a **RECENT GRADUATE**, we have video's and yearbooks available from most previous years.

Photos, yearbooks and DVDs are special keepsakes and make great holiday gifts. Contact Cadet Wing Media early for preholiday shipments. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>. Thank you for considering Cadet Wing Media in commemorating your cadet's graduation and BCT experience. Product sales from cadet products help cadet programs and clubs.

INFORMATION ON DOWNLOADABLE FREE BCT PHOTOS AND VIDEO:

View free video clips and 1,000's of photos from "2018 BCT DVD" and "2018 BCT Yearbook" on 97.7 KAFA FaceBook page, <http://www.facebook.com>

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT DETAIL:

The Basic Cadet Training; Flight Groups and Family Weekend images are all available for viewing and purchase at <http://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco>, POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

INFORMATION ON CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATAION DVD:

The Air Force Academy proudly announces the availability of a professionally produced DVD from 2014's graduation day ceremony. This special limited edition 2014 DVD includes: senior leadership and graduate's interviews; all graduates walking across stage receiving their diploma, handshake and first salute; highlights from the 4-years; and other special bonus material. For information contact Cadet Wing Media at 719-333-4644 or email cwmedia@usafa.edu

1. Copies of this special limited edition DVD are still available for purchase
2. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON POLARIS YEARBOOKS:

The Air Force Academy proudly announces the availability of POLARIS yearbooks for families, friends and supporters (graduates receive their own copy); produced annually by cadets for cadets, this yearbook is a past recipient of such prestigious awards as: Associated Collegiate Press, Best of Show Winners, etc.

1. Copies of the 2014 Polaris Yearbook are still available for purchase
2. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON BCT YEARBOOK:

Order your own keepsake "Class of 2018 Basic Cadet Training" yearbook. Order forms available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON CONTACTING CADET MEDIA:

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- Station contact info: (719) 333-KAFA (5232), kafafm@gmail.com

HEALTHY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Finally, that time of year we all look forward to: The Holidays! Good food, good friends and family, good times....the following 12 Ways to Health comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and can be sung to the tune of the 12 Days of Christmas. To all of you and yours- we at USAFA wish you a wonderful holiday season and nothing but the best for the New Year!

1. The first way to health, said the CDC to me: **Wash hands** to be safe and healthy
2. The second way to health, said the CDC to me: **Bundle up for warmth**, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
3. The third way to health, said the CDC to me: **Manage stress**, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
4. the fourth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Don't drink and drive**, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
5. On the fifth way to health, said the CDC to me: **BE SMOKE-FREE**, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
6. On the sixth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Fasten belts while driving**, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
7. On the seventh way to health, said the CDC to me: **Get exams and screenings**, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
8. On the eight way to health, said the CDC to me: **Get your vaccinations**, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
9. On the ninth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Monitor the children**, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
10. On the tenth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Practice fire safety**, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
11. On the eleventh way to health, said the CDC to me: **Prepare dinner safely**, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
12. On the twelfth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Eat well and get moving**, prepare dinner safely, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while

driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manager stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy

WINTER BREAK INFO: The Winter Break is from Saturday, 20 Dec 14 – Sunday, 4 Jan 15. That being said. You need to check with your cadet because if they take their last final on Wednesday then they can leave after that final with AOC's permission (standard release is normally given). Your cadet can go into the computer system (CAMIS) and look up each of his or her classes and see when their finals are. The shuttle bus service schedule is below, and is provided by Outdoor Recreation for a cost. The return date is 4 Jan by 7pm for cadets and 6 pm for Cadet Candidates. Cadets must arrive in Denver at least 3 hours prior to USAFA check-in time at 7pm. All seats for the return from Denver are sold out but we have 3 standby buses and the cost is \$35 cash, which can be purchased at Denver Airport, outside baggage claim at Door 505. We leave no cadet or prep student behind. The standbys usually get out within a bus or two.

WINTER BREAK BUS SCHEDULE:

2014 CADET WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus tickets will go on sale starting October 14 thru December 5, 2014. All seats sold after DEC 5 sold on space available basis. Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Please call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand.

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

15 DEC 2014: 1300, 1600, 1800

16 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

17 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

18 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

19 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800

RETURN 04 JAN 2015: 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14

Round Trip

\$45.00

One Way

\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

15 DEC 2014: 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

16 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

17 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

18 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

19 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815

RETURN 04 JAN 2015: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14

Round Trip

\$30.00

One Way

\$20.00

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2014 PREP SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting Oct 14, thru Dec 5

No refunds or changes after Dec 5

All seats sold after Dec 5 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 18, 2014: 0930

RETURN Jan 4: 1430



Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14

Round Trip

\$45.00

One Way

\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 18, 2014: 0945

RETURN Jan 4: 1430

Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14

Round Trip

\$30.00

One Way

\$20.00

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Helpful Websites:

Cadet Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>

Cadet Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:

<http://www.usafa.org/>

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact 2Lt Kyle Mahan at (719) 333-2583, kyle.mahan@usafa.edu and the USAFA website below

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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